MS. COURTNEY L. SUSTAIRE
2019 Recipient
Ms. Dorothe K. Matlack Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence

Ms. Sustaire enlisted in the US Army in 2001 as a 35G Imagery Intelligence Analyst. From June 2003 to November 2012, she deployed three times to Iraq and once to Afghanistan. In December 2015, she separated from service and served as a geospatial targeting analyst in support of US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) mission requirements.

In May 2016, Ms. Sustaire joined the Army Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) Battalion (AGB) as a Department of the Army Civilian (DAC). In November 2016, she volunteered to deploy in support of USSOCOM as the tactical operations center sole GEOINT analyst. While deployed she produced more than 700 imagery products and reports used for targeting action. Her efforts aided in vital intelligence collection which led to the safety of multiple allied forces and up-to-date situational awareness reports for teams on the ground. In 2017, Ms. Sustaire forward deployed and served as the primary GEOINT analyst for the tactical operations center, creating thousands of GEOINT data points representing accurate battlefield representation for near real-time use by commanders, mission partners, and partner nations.

Currently serving as a Supervisory Intelligence Specialist for the AGB, Ms. Sustaire is responsible for providing GEOINT expertise and predictive analysis in current and emerging Department of Defense intelligence requirements. Her 25-member military and civilian team manages requirements that span a variety of tactical and strategic mission sets from general imagery support to specialized cyber support with various customers spanning across six combatant commands. She is not only an expert in her tradecraft but she is dedicated to the personal and professional development of her team. Ms. Sustaire fosters an environment where critical thinking is encouraged to find creative solutions to GEOINT problems. She provides an environment where all analysts are expected to thoroughly research potential targets and problem sets, presenting a methodology on how to best conduct exploitation and analysis, and execute mission requirements. Her leadership allows analysts to take initiative and responsibility for production requirements in the absence of direction resulting in decreased time spent waiting for guidance and increased time dedicated to analysis.

Ms. Sustaire has attended more than 1,600 hours of GEOINT and intelligence training courses throughout her career. She has also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Humanities, with a focus in Art History, from the University of Maryland-University College and is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Geographic Information Systems with Johns Hopkins University.